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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: Board of Massage and Bodywork
MEETING DATE AND TIME: Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.
PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware
Conference Room B, second floor Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED: March 19, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sandra Jachimowski, Professional Member, President
Holly Overmyer, Professional Member, Vice President
Jermaine Cannon, Professional Member
Kathy Sherwin, Public Member
Frank Beebe, Public Member
Rachel Dunning, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL/COURT REPORTER

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General
Maggie Strauss, Administrative Specialist II

OTHERS PRESENT

Sharon Gamble
Ron Clark
Aimee Moulder

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Jachimowski called the meeting to order at 1:37p.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes from the January 15, 2015 meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Overmyer, second Ms. Dunning by to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Jachimowski introduced and welcomed Mr. Beebe as a new public member to the Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Evaluation of Modalities – continued

Ms. Kelly reviewed some of the highlighted areas of the information she provided to the Board, specifically from NC and MA. She suggested that the Board consider “tightening” their definition of massage, possibly changing and/or removing modalities from those regulated, and/or proposing exemption and exemption requirements.

The Board members discussed several popular modalities; Reiki is a modality that does not really fall under massage or bodywork because there is either no touch or light touch during the sessions. Reiki practitioners do not do massage, as there is no manipulation of the skin or muscle, it is strictly energy work. Reflexologists only touch the hands and feet, and sometimes the ears, but they do manipulate those areas. Persons who practice clinical aroma therapy also do not touch their clients. Ms. Sherwin stated that the Board needs to consider if there is a danger to the public during any type of these modalities being performed? And if so, they should be regulated. Ms. Kelly interjected that some of them may need to be removed from under the direction of the Board simply because they don’t meet the criteria as listed by the definition of massage or bodywork. Ms. Jachimowski suggested separating massage from bodywork as an option. Ms. Strauss directed the Board to the information she had provided for review; if there is a certifying body for these modalities, can the Board defer to them for the practitioner to gain and maintain a license in DE? Her example was Rolwing; in order to become a certified rolfer, there is only one school (in the US) and that school has requirements to both obtain and maintain that license. Rolfers do not practice the Boards definition of relaxation or therapeutic massage. They perform an entirely different technique, yet are required to go to massage school and get either a CMT or LMT license to work in DE. The Board could require them to provide certain documentation to obtain a license to work in DE as a Rolfer only, not a CMT or LMT, and these documents would be required to maintain that license (at renewal/audit). The Board agreed that deferring to a certifying entity deserves consideration during this process. However, some modalities do not have just one, they have several.

The Board decided to continue the discussion into next month, and to review the current list of modalities under 2.4 – they will independently mark which they feel can be separated out or removed entirely. Ms. Strauss also stated that she would research internal requirements as well.

Discussion of licensing massage establishments – continued

A motion was made by Ms. Overmyer, second by Ms. Dunning to remove this topic from the agenda until the Board is closer to finishing up the modality work. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of Massage Technician Certifications

A motion was made by Ms. Overmyer, second by Ms. Dunning, to approve the ratification of the Massage Technician applications of: Ricardo Lopez-Tinoco, Augustine O Rogers, Nicole T Stritzinger, Meifeng Wang, Xuehua Yan, Darrin Richard Peters, Faith Marie Campbell, Regina C. McClary and Kevin A. Shumate. The motion carried unanimously.

Ratification of License Massage Therapists

A motion was made by Ms. Overmyer, second by Ms. Dunning, to approve the ratification of the Massage Therapist Certifications of: Suzanne Lucille Parrotte, Troy Anthony Ashe, Margaret C Webb, Shelia S. Murray, Valerie M. Terriberly and Nnenna Obioha Amadi. The motion carried unanimously.

Continuing Education - Approved

JVB Enterprise, Inc.

Assessment & Treatment of Age Related Balance Impairment – 16 Elective

Academy of Massage & Bodywork

Reflexology Orientation Workshop – 12 Core

Complaint Status

20-05-14 – Attorney General

20-10-14 – Attorney General

20-12-14 – Attorney General

20-15-14 – Investigative Unit

20-16-14 – Attorney General

20-01-15 – Investigative Unit

20-02-15 – Investigative Unit

Application(s) for DAG Review

Under advisement from Ms. Kelly, a motion was made by Ms. Dunning, second by Ms. Overmyer to allow Ms. J-Ellis to provide proof of in-classroom training for the A&P course she completed within 30 days from today. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Ms. Dunning, second by Mr. Cannon to deny the request from the Health & Safety Institute for video/tele-conference presentation.

The Board reviewed and discussed an inquiry from the HR School of Alternative Therapy; they determined that at this time anyone practicing a modality regulated by the Board of Massage & Bodywork requires a license to work in the state of Delaware. MS. Strauss will send this information back to Ms. Ryoo.

OTHER BUSINESS (for discussion only)

There was no other business for discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Moulder voiced her opinion on the discussion covered under agenda item 4.5.1. She was very, very displeased that a licensee was just now receiving disciplinary action from the 2010-2012 licensing period. She questioned why someone would be allowed to renew in 2014 if they hadn't met the requirements for 2010-2012? Ms. Strauss explained the renewal and audit process.

Ms. Gamble thanked the Board for their time, and stated that she was very happy with the direction and progress made at today's meeting. She also questioned whether a licensee can take the same CE course in 2 different licensing periods; Ms. Kelly indicated that as long as the course had DE approval that they could. Ms. Strauss confirmed. Ms. Gamble also asked about who could sit on the Board, Ms. Kelly referred her to the statute.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Beebe, second by Mr. Cannon, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1523.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maggie Strauss', written in a cursive style.

Maggie Strauss
Administrative Specialist II